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SUBJECT: FONMIN KIRCHSCHLAEGER REMARKS TO AUSTRO-ITALIAN  
JOURNALISTS SEMINAR

1. ADDRESSING A SEMINAR OF ITALIAN AND AUSTRIAN JOURNALISTS  
ON MARCH 26, FONMIN KIRCHSCHLAEGER DEALT WITH SEVERAL ISSUES  
OF CURRENT POLITICAL INTEREST. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.

2. ON CSCE, THERE IS WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION OVER LACK  
OF PROGRESS TO DATE IN GENEVA, BUT BETTER RESULTS ON HIGHER-LEVEL  
ARE WITHIN REALM OF POSSIBILITY. CURRENT KISSINGER-GROMYKO  
TALKS ARE OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS "NOTHING CAN BE DONE AGAINST  
WILL OF TWO SUPERPOWERS". NOT MUCH PROGRESS IN MILITARY SECURITY  
SHOULD BE EXPECTED FROM CURRENT CSCE PHASE. VENUE FOR ESSENTIAL  
DISCUSSION ON MILITARY ISSUES IN VIENNA (MBFR) NOT GENEVA.  
DESPITE DETENTE DISTRUST BETWEEN MILITARY ALLIANCES STILL VERY  
GREAT AND AS CSCE AND OTHER EAST-WEST GATHERINGS HAV SHOWN,  
PROPOSALS OF NEUTRAL COUNTRY OFTEN ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES.

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3. ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS, KIRCHSCHLAEGER SUGGESTED THAT DIALOGUE NOT BE CONFINED TO NATO AND EC LEVELS BUT EXPANDED TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE WHERE AUSTRIA COULD ALSO PARTICIPATE FOR "BENEFIT OF ALL CONCERNED".

4. ON TRIESTE ISSUE, FONMIN EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT AT OUTBREAK OF CRISIS BUT SAW NO DANGER TO CONTINUING TRILATERAL COOPERATION (ITALY, YUGOSLAVIA, AUSTRIA), WHICH HAS ITS OWN DYNAMICS AND CAN SERVE AS SAFETY VALVE. "CONCRETE COOPERATION DOES NOT COLLAPSE AS QUICKLY AS EMOTIONS ARE ESCALATED."

5. REFLECTIVE OF RELATIVE UNIMPORTANCE THAT SOUTH TYROL ISSUE HAS ASSUMED IN GOA-GOI RELATIONS, THIS SUBJECT WAS NOT EVEN TOUCHED UPON AT SEMINAR. HUMES

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